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ATLANTA'S GATES ARE OPEN TO YELLOW FEVER REFUGEES

EPIDEMIC NOW THREATENS MOBILE. FOUR NEW CASES IN NEW ORLEANS

Gutierrez Wires that the Yellow Fever Will Begin to Assume an Epidemic Form in the Gulf City—Many New Cases Are Reported from Various Louisiana Towns.

JACKSON BADLY FRIGHTENED

General Quarantining by All Cities Except Atlanta, and Our Gates Are Open To All.

NUMBER OF REFUGEES COME

New Orleans, La., September 14.—At nightfall the books of the board of health showed the following recapitulation of the day's developments in the yellow fever situation:

There has been reported to the board for investigation twenty-six cases which the attending physicians considered suspicious. Of these thirteen cases had been found suffering with a harmless fever, five cases were regarded as suspicious but a definite report could be made upon them; there were no reports as to four cases, and four cases had been pronounced genuine yellow fever, though one of the latter was classed as of a mild type.

The most serious of the four yellow fever cases is located in the neighborhood of the French market.

The locality is far from a cleanly one, is populated by a poorer class of people, many of whom are foreigners, and might be considered dangerous ground. For that reason special pains were taken by the board of health to quarantine the infected houses.

Officers from the police force were detailed to take charge of the neighborhood, a restaurant, a bakery and a shop next door to the premises in which the sickness was found, were closed up and a large quantity of disinfectant was sent to the scene to be used.

Shows but Little Malignancy.

Of course the report on new cases daily is creating alarm in some quarters, but thus far the disease has shown but little malignancy, there being but one death out of fourteen cases, and none of the practicing physicians are yet on record as expressing a fear of an epidemic.

The same rigid attention is being given to the suspicious cases as obtains in the treatment of those who are declared to be yellow fever.

Guards are stationed about the premises, the streets are kept clear, pedestrians are warned and liberal use is made of disinfectants for the authorities have come to realize that the situation, while not alarming, is certainly serious and that only watchfulness and vigilance will master the scourge.

New Feature Develops.

One of the features developed during the day is that people of maturer age have been attacked.

Heretofore the disease has been confined principally to children of tender age, and boys and girls not yet grown to manhood and womanhood.

Two of the late cases show that old people have been stricken. A conference was held this afternoon at the St. Charles hotel.

Members of the board of health, representatives of the Parish Medical Society and city officials, including Mayor Flower, were present.

The situation was discussed in all its phases for two hours behind closed doors, and a resolve was made to spare neither effort nor money in controlling the disease.

Under instructions from the superintendent of the railway mail service the post-office authorities today fumigated all outgoing mails, in order that letters and packages be not sent back by the authorities of quarantining cities and towns. Complaints have been reaching here from many points of delays in getting mails, but it is thought this system of fumigating will in the future relieve all sources of complaint of this nature.

Are Handed for Atlanta.

The Louisville and Nashville ran a train today to Atlanta, giving the people on the coast an opportunity to go to the Gate City.

The train took about twenty ladies and gentlemen from Biloxi and a number have left New Orleans for that point. The railroad company, however, refuses to allow passengers to take baggage of such a nature as to be a good abiding place for germs.

Some Other New Cases.

This afternoon a new case of fever was reported at Barclay. Out of a population of 25, only three persons in Barclay have not had the sickness, and the percentage of deaths has been what was usual in yellow fever epidemics.

There were several cases reported today at Ocean Springs and of the number ill at Biloxi, fifteen were reported as suffering from yellow fever.

At Ocean Springs Dr. Wasdin, of the marine hospital staff, is receiving the best attention, and it is hoped he will pull through in a few days.

Surgeons Carter and Dunn left Ocean Springs for Pascagoula today. A case of yellow fever exists at that point.

A number of immunes at Ocean Springs are to be sent to Cincinnati in a special car. Surgeon White has been at the detention camp for the past few days superintending its construction.

As soon as it is ready a large number of people will be taken away from Biloxi

and Ocean Springs and yellow fever thus deprived of fresh material to feed upon.

DECATUR WON'T TAKE CHANCES.

Alabama Town Doubles Guard To Watch Incoming Trains.

Decatur, Ala., September 14.—(Special.)—Owing to the serious outlook of the yellow fever situation, more vigorous quarantine measures were adopted at mass meetings held tonight in both the Decatur.

Additional officers were put on to patrol the outskirts and also more men were employed to inspect trains coming from Chattanooga and Atlanta via the Memphis and Charleston, as the latter city has thrown open her doors to the refugees.

Liberal subscriptions were made by the citizens to prosecute the work. The stopping of a train load of refugees here yesterday caused intense indignation and those responsible were denounced soundly.

HUNTSVILLE IS APPREHENSIVE.

Rigid Quarantine Will Be Enforced by City Officials.

Huntsville, Ala., September 14.—(Special.)—A rigid quarantine was established here this afternoon against all cities and districts infected with yellow fever.

The city council took this action on the request of the board of health. Medical authorities agree that yellow fever cannot spread in Huntsville under ordinary conditions, but at present many streets are strewn with refuse and it is thought the fresh earth may invite disease.

Incoming trains will be inspected at Decatur, Gurley, Hobbs Island and Elora, Tenn.

MONTGOMERY FEARS ATLANTA

Alabama Capital Quarantines the Georgia Statehouse Town.

Montgomery, Ala., September 14.—(Special.)—The Montgomery city authorities have not quarantined Atlanta, but will not permit any trains from there to stop here without a thorough examination.

The reason for this departure is that while the people and the authorities here admire the hospitality of Atlanta in throwing its gates open to the yellow fever refugees, they question the safety of the plan. It became evident also that persons from the infected districts who were in plain to come to Montgomery could do so by way of Atlanta, and while this was rather a roundabout schedule, it was found not to be an impracticable one.

Trains into this city over the Western railway have, therefore, been stopped today at Riverdale park, five miles from the city, where passengers and mail are swapped with the Louisville and Nashville, and from where persons en route to Montgomery from places other than Atlanta and the infected districts are brought in on a special.

The mail train which arrives from Atlanta at 10:30 a. m. has been discontinued until further notice for the reason that passengers who come in on it have no opportunity to leave the city until night.

The train which reaches here over the Western at 9:30 p. m. will bring the mail and will be met at Riverdale park by mail trains both north and south on the Louisville and Nashville.

State Health Officer Saunders reached the city from Mobile this morning. He is popular here, but he has not been shown many social attentions this visit for the reason that he has recently officiated at several yellow fever autopsies.

There is said to be some friction between the local and state authorities in the matter of quarantine, the city authorities insisting, it is stated, among other things that City Physician Andrews be retained at the head of the local quarantine affairs.

No official quarantine has been declared against Atlanta, but all trains from there must go into the quarantine station for inspection as other trains from infected districts.

GOVERNOR RETURNS HOME.

Case of Yellow Fever in Mobile Causes Johnstone to Come Home.

Montgomery, Ala., September 14.—(Special.)—Governor Johnston returned from State Springs this morning.

The case of fever reported from Mobile influenced his coming.

He has been busy studying the fever situation and other routine matters of state that have come up during his absence.

He appears not to be apprehensive about the spread of the disease in this state.

CHARLESTON HAS QUARANTINED

Falmotto State's Metropolis Guards Against Yellow Fever.

Charleston, S. C., September 14.—The board of health of Charleston today established strict quarantine regulations against New Orleans, Mobile and the other fever infected cities and districts.

The quarantine will be strictly maintained.

BRUNSWICK PROTECTS ITSELF.

City Council Decides To Take Every Necessary Precaution.

Brunswick, Ga., September 14.—(Special.)—Brunswick's council tonight ordered guards placed at Everett City, Jesup and Waycross for quarantine station purposes.

Surgeon Burford, at quarantine station, is co-operating with local authorities and will prevent passengers coming from infected districts via boat lines. Brunswick is heartily co-operating with other cities in preventing any one suspected of being from infected districts entering this section.

SAVANNAH WATCHES CLOSELY.

Health Officer's Certificate Necessary To Enter the City.

Savannah, Ga., September 14.—(Special.)—A thorough quarantine was established today on all the outskirts of the city. Inspectors were sent to Milledgeville, Waycross, Jesup and other points on the railroads entering Savannah from the direction of points in the infected districts. They were instructed to make careful inquiries and stop everybody about whom there was any doubt.

It will take a certificate from a health officer or ordinary or clerk of the superior court of any place now to get a traveling

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CITY'S GATES OPEN TO THE REFUGEES

Atlanta Will Welcome All Who Come From Fever Districts.

CHATTANOOGA TAKES ACTION

Quarantines Against Atlanta and the Whole World.

ATLANTIANS MUST HAVE CERTIFICATES

Montgomery Closes Gates Against Atlanta, Too—Many Refugees Coming in from Fever Districts.

Atlanta is the haven for the yellow fever refugees of almost the entire south.

At a called meeting of the board of health yesterday afternoon in the chamber of commerce it was the sense of that body to throw the gates of the city wide open to those fleeing from the deadly epidemic.

People from infected districts are pouring in on every train. Still more will come today and tomorrow. No restrictions are placed upon them by the municipal government; they are perfectly safe from the death-dealing scourge for yellow jack cannot flourish here.

Manager Scoville, of the Kimball house, received thirty telegrams from persons in the infected district who wanted to come to Atlanta today. It looks as though there will be a great influx of refugees.

Chattanooga has already quarantined against us; so has Montgomery. It is now impossible for a passenger from this city to enter Chattanooga without a certificate from the local board of health that he has not been in the yellow fever district for two weeks.

Nor will these certificates be issued indiscriminately. Every one is signed by Dr. Floyd W. McRae, secretary of the board of health, and will not be given without clear evidence that the passenger has not been exposed to yellow jack. No simple worded statement will be accepted. If the traveler is from some southern point he must either show a certificate from starting place or some other proof of his non-proximity to the domain of the epidemic.

The certificates may be secured from the office of Dr. McRae, secretary of the board of health, at 625 Whitehall street, corner of Hunter. There is no charge for them.

Kennedy has been engaged to take charge of the work and will have an assistant when he is not in. The place is three blocks southwest of the union depot—down Pryor to Alabama, Alabama to Whitehall street.

The office will be open from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. No one will be accommodated either before or after that hour unless they apply to Dr. Kennedy's residence, 113 Washington street.

Chattanooga's Quarantine.

The regulations of the Chattanooga quarantine will not affect passengers from Atlanta, as that city is not one of the districts north of the danger line. Through passengers from the infected districts, however, will have to have certificates from here that they have not been exposed for twelve days.

The office will not be open at night, and this class of passengers arriving here at 7 o'clock p. m. will have to lie over until the next morning. The following dispatch gives the provisions of the quarantine as wired to The Constitution by Mayor Ochs:

"Chattanooga, Tenn., September 14.—The quarantine here does not effect passengers going through the city to another state or to points beyond Chattanooga in the state.

"It does not affect passengers from points south or east of Atlanta, who have not been in the infected district.

In order to effect all citizens of Atlanta, all passengers, railway officials or baggage men who enter the city must have certificates of health, showing that they have not been in any affected district. The action against Atlanta was taken, not for fear of the fever being in that city, but for fear of refugees who might reach this city by way of Atlanta, whose authorities have opened the city's gates to refugees, and from the fever districts."

"We are not quarantining against Atlanta, but against refugees from infected districts who are allowed free access to that city, and against any citizen of Atlanta who might have become infected by coming in contact with infected persons."

"The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the city and county board of health today, which clearly sets forth our regulation as regards Atlanta:

"Whereas, It is learned that refugees from the yellow fever infected districts of the south are flocking to Atlanta;

"Whereas, The railway officials and baggage men who enter the city must have certificates of health, showing that they have not been in any affected district;

"Resolved, That the city health authorities of Atlanta be notified at once that all passengers, railway officials or baggage men who enter the city must have certificates of health, showing that they have not been in any affected district;

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where some were provided with certificates on sufficient evidence that they had not been exposed. Mr. McRae was kept busy until late last night and quite a number of certificates were issued.

Knowing that some formal action was necessary on the matter, Dr. McRae had a meeting of the board of health called at the chamber of commerce at 5 o'clock. All the members were present. The secretary announced his professional duties would prevent him devoting the necessary time to the work and the board decided to secure the services of some competent physician at not more than \$5 a day. This position was offered Dr. J. P. Kennedy, and he will enter upon the discharge of his duties at 7 o'clock this morning.

Every board member was enthusiastically in favor of opening the gates of the city to the refugees. There was not a dissenting voice against this decision. So clearly was this understood that the matter was scarcely discussed at all. The entire time was consumed in the consideration of smallpox in Atlanta and the most feasible methods of isolating the best certified time to the work and the board decided to secure the services of some competent physician at not more than \$5 a day. This position was offered Dr. J. P. Kennedy, and he will enter upon the discharge of his duties at 7 o'clock this morning.

While the board extends a cordial invitation to all refugees, and while they do not think there is any probability of the disease spreading here, yet they respect the old adage of an ounce of prevention and a pound of cure, and every precaution will be taken.

It is likely, therefore, the board will hold another meeting late this afternoon. Chief Veal will have an inspector to meet every incoming train. If there are any aboard betraying symptoms of yellow jack, they will be sent immediately to the quarantine hospital. Those not affected will be allowed to enter unmolested.

Dr. Alexander on the Situation.

When asked yesterday if there was any danger of an epidemic of yellow fever in Atlanta from the refugees who come here from the infected districts, Dr. J. F. Alexander, president of the board of health, stated most emphatically that there was no danger.

The climate of Atlanta is such and the elevation so fine, he says, that the atmosphere will not support the disease. It has been clearly demonstrated by the experience with the disease in past years that it cannot live here.

Dr. Alexander said he had seen cases of yellow fever in the very center of the city, and though people came in contact with the afflicted person every day the disease did not spread. It seems to be impossible for it to take hold here.

He said that there has never been a case of yellow fever which originated in Atlanta. In every instance the patient has come from the infected district and become stricken after arriving here. In such cases persons in the city have not contracted the disease and the patient has either died or recovered without causing any one else to take it.

Dr. Alexander said he thought it would be perfectly safe to allow persons from the yellow fever districts to come to Atlanta and stay here. He thinks, however, that some care should be taken in the matter, and persons who have been too freely exposed should be kept away from the city for a day or so.

It is probable that some of the residents of Atlanta have become a bit nervous on account of the fact that people from New Orleans are coming here in large numbers. Dr. Alexander's views will have the effect of allaying all fears and it is certain that there is no danger of the disease spreading here.

The train from New Orleans yesterday contained a large number of people and a number of these were coming away on account of the fever. Many went on through to Washington and New York. Persons from the infected district said that there is not much uneasiness in New Orleans at present.

REFUGEES REACHING THE CITY.

One Hundred and Fifty Came in at 2 O'clock This Morning.

About fifty refugees came into Atlanta about 2 o'clock this morning over the West Point road. The train was three hours late on account of the quarantine regulations in other southern cities.

The fugitives from yellow jack seem to be thoroughly frightened. Those from New Orleans say the disease is spreading rapidly there, and that the people are leaving on every train. An epidemic is feared, although the lateness of its appearance may prevent the usual large mortality.

The Mobile refugees do not seem to think there is so much danger. They thought it best to be on the safe side, though, and will remain in Atlanta until the last germ of fever is wiped out.

"If I do not believe, though," said one of the leading refugees last night, "there is a single case of yellow fever in Mobile. Several days ago one of our young men got on a howling drunk. He was taken ill afterwards, and all the doctors made a careful examination of the case and some pronounced it yellow fever. This morning he was sitting up eating ham and eggs for breakfast."

There were a good number of refugees on the train going farther north, but the majority stopped over in Atlanta. These say even larger crowds will be here today. Atlanta is the only town in the south where fugitives can take refuge, and they are going to take advantage of this city's hospitality. One of the refugees stated last night that if the fever becomes epidemic thousands of people will flock here in the next few days.

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